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Advisory Announcement

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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

District 1

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 18, 2021:

Section 1-F: will be open south of a line from the northernmost tip of Cone Point at 55°14.91′ N lat, 131°19.04′ W long to the northernmost tip of Harbor Point at 55°13.04′ N lat, 131°25.17′ W long to a point on the western shore of Gravina Island at 55°14.91′ N lat (the latitude of the northernmost tip of Cone Point) then due west to the District 2 boundary with the following restrictions:

<u>Boca de Quadra</u>: will be closed south of a line from Quadra Point at 55°05.15′ N lat, 130°59.10′ W long to Slate Island Light at 55°05.29′ N lat, 131°03.17′ W long, east of a line from Slate Island Light to Black Rock Light at 55°01.42′ N lat, 131°03.59′ W long, and north of a line from Black Rock Light to a point on the mainland shore at 55°01.40′ N lat, 131°00.20′ W long;

Nichols Passage: will be closed north of the latitude of the southernmost tip of Dall Head at 55°07.74′ N lat.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 18, 2021:

District 2: will be open south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Polk Island at 55°00.73′ N lat with the following restrictions:

Kendrick Bay: will be closed west of 131°59.00′ W long;

McLean Arm: will be closed west of 131°57.80′ W long;

Moira Sound: all waters will be closed.

District 3

The following areas will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 18, 2021:

Section 3-A: will be open south of the latitude of the northernmost tip of Webster Point at 54°58.28′ N lat with the following restrictions:

<u>Dall Island Shore</u>: will be closed west of a line from the southernmost tip of Reef Point at 55°03.62′ N lat, 132°58.33′ W long, to Shoe Island Light at 54°57.10′ N lat, 132°44.78′ W long, to the westernmost tip of Datzkoo Point at 54°43.80′ N lat, 132°41.83′ W long;

Klakas Inlet, Hunter Bay, and contiguous waters: will be closed in all waters north and east of a line running from a point near Ruth Cutoff located at 54°54.40′ N lat, 132°24.77′ W long to the southernmost tip of Klakas Island at 54°53.25′ N lat, 132°20.35′ W long to a point at 54°49.68′ N lat, 132°20.50′ W long;

Kassa Inlet: will be closed east of the longitude of Kassa Point at 132°31.62′ W long.

Section 3-B: will be open west of a line from Cape Lynch at 55°46.87′ N lat, 133°42.10′ W long to the northernmost tip of Point Animas at 55°32.06′ N lat, 133°27.37′ W long to the southwesternmost tip of Point Arboleda at 55°19.10′ N lat, 133°27.81′ W long with the following restriction:

<u>Port Asumcion:</u> will be closed north and west of a line from Point Cosinas at 55°21.80′ N lat, 133°30.64′ W long to a point west of Point Maria located at 55°22.04′ N lat, 133°30.26′ W long.

District 4

The following area will be open to purse seining from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Sunday, July 18, 2021:

District 4: will be open.

District 7

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday July 18, 2021:

Section 7-A: will be open south of the latitude of Point Warde at 56°10.43′ N lat.

District 12

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 18, 2021:

Section 12-A: will be open in the following area:

Point Augusta: will be open within 0.5 nautical miles (nmi) of the Chichagof Island shoreline east of a line from a marker at 58°02.44′ N lat, 134°57.50′ W long to a point at 58°03.00′ N lat, 134°57.85′ W long, south of 58°03.00′ N lat, and north of the latitude of a regulatory marker at 58°01.63′ N lat (located 1 nmi south of Point Augusta Light).

District 13

The following area will be open to purse seining from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., Sunday, July 18, 2021:

Section 13-B: Redoubt Bay, Kanga Bay, and contiguous waters will be open east of 135°22.76'W long.

<u>Chinook Salmon Landing Restrictions</u>: All Chinook salmon harvested in the Deep Inlet THA must be retained and may be sold. For all other fishing areas, Chinook salmon 28 inches or greater in length may NOT be retained and Chinook salmon less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. These restrictions will be in effect until at least July 31, 2021.

Fishermen, tenders, and processors are reminded that all salmon, including steelhead, commercially harvested but retained for personal use and not sold, must be reported on fish tickets at the time of delivery.

As described in April Advisory Announcements, the Kendrick Bay Terminal Harvest Area is closed to common property harvest from Sunday, July 11, through Saturday, July 24, and the Anita Bay THA is closed from Monday, July 12, through 12:00 noon, Thursday, August 12, 2021, so that cost recovery fishing can take place. There is no scheduled cost recovery for the Southeast Cove and Thomas Bay THAs.

To date, only 373 sockeye salmon have been counted at the Hugh Smith Lake weir. The current weir count projects to a total escapement of 2,850 sockeye salmon, well below the optimal escapement goal range of 8,000–18,000 sockeye salmon. The department will continue to monitor the sockeye salmon escapement as the season progresses and will take management actions in District 1 through statistical week 33.

The next seine announcement will be issued on Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

Under Alaska's Health Advisories 1, 2, 3, and 4, commercial fishing is an Essential Business and is part of Alaska's Essential Services and Critical Infrastructure. Commercial fishermen should ensure that all travel and other activities in support of commercial fishing operations follow protocols in Alaska COVID-19 Health Advisories. COVID-19 Health Advisories may be found here: https://covid19.alaska.gov/health-advisories/.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1S3021.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates Statistical Midweek 29 Preliminary Estimates Compiled July 16, 2021

	NUMBERS OF SALMON						
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	Boats
District 1	0	1,200	1,500	295,000	9,500	307,200	63
District 2	0	1,000	1,200	52,000	34,000	88,200	20
District 4	0	11,000	7,300	90,000	22,000	130,300	28
Point Augusta	0	300	200	50,000	1,200	51,700	14
Total	0	13,200	10,200	487,000	66,700	525,700	125

	FISH PER BOAT						
Area	Chinook	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 1	0	19	24	4,683	151	4,876	
District 2	0	50	60	2,600	1,700	4,410	
District 4	0	393	261	3,214	786	4,654	
Point Augusta	0	21	14	3,571	86	3,693	

Thomas Bay THA: Confidential.

Anita Bay THA harvest to date: 2,000 Chinook and 550 chum salmon.

Southeast Cove THA harvest to date: 15,500 chum salmon.

Deep Inlet THA harvest to date: 2,600 Chinook and 50,600 chum salmon.

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